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Iran split by inner struggles

By Hassan Lakis
Special Correspondent

TEHRAN, Jan. 9 — The general counter-offensive announced by Iran's President Bani-Sadr six days ago is seen to relate directly to the power struggle within the country between the president and the clergy represented by the Islamic Republican Party.

One of the clergy's main charges against the president is his indecisiveness as a military leader, and the inactivity of the regular armed forces, which are constitutionally under his command. The general counter-attack he ordered is designed more to meet



(Washington)

BRIEFING: Iran's President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr (center) receives a briefing from his commanding officers during an inspection tour on the western war front in Khuzestan at the beginning of Iran's counter-offensive.

this criticism and enhance the reputation of the armed forces than to seek a final military resolution to the conflict with Iraq.

The Islamic Republican Party's declared aim is the ouster of the president, and the attack on the armed forces is seen as a step toward that aim. The party is known to have demanded the expansion of the irregular forces under its command, known as the Pasdaran or Islamic Guard, and obtain heavy equipment for it, in an effort to counterbalance the regular forces.

The struggle between the supporters of the president and those of the party was coming to a head in the period just before the declared counter-attack against the Iraqis. There was a lull in the crisis last December, as Ayatollah Khomeini banned demonstrations organized by the party against the president — a move which was interpreted as a tactical withdrawal on the part of the clergy rather than a genuine desire by the ayatollah to reconcile the two factions.

Most observers here have come to feel that Ayatollah Khomeini is siding decisively with the party against the president, and that it is only a matter of time before the full weight of his authority will be brought to bear on the issue.

On the timing of such a move, a member of the Islamic Republican Party's executive

Under French energy plan Gas to be vegetable-ized

PARIS, Jan. 9 (R) — French Industry Minister Andre Girard is to launch a plan soon encouraging the use of vegetable-based alcohol in petrol, a ministry spokesman said Friday.

She refused to confirm or deny a report in the Paris business daily *Les Echos* that the plan would begin with a decree allowing oil companies to put up to 65 per cent alcohol in petrol.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing called for a program promoting the use of vegetable-based fuels in a letter to Prime Minister Raymond Barre in November. A spokesman for the Sugar Beet Planters' Association, which has been campaigning for the use of beet-based carbohydrates as a way of using surplus production, welcomed the news. "We have worked hard to bring this about," she said.

France depends on imported oil for about 50 per cent of its total energy requirements. French vulnerability to oil supply interruptions was demonstrated when the Iraq-Iran war cut off oil from Iraq which counted for 23 per cent of its crude imports.

Much of this shortfall has been made up from alternative suppliers including Gulf countries and from stocks. Brazil pioneered the use of the gasohol, as alcohol mixed with petrol is known, getting the alcohol from its sugar plantations. By Brazilian government decree it is compulsory to add five per cent alcohol to petrol and under a 1975 program Brazil has tried to develop cars which drive on alcohol alone.

President Carter set the goal of producing enough gasohol in the United States to substitute for 10 per cent of all petrol consumption there by 1990.

From resignation or military coup Begin reign faces destruction

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 — Israelis for the first time have begun openly discussing the possibility that the Israeli military might stage a coup d'etat in an effort to resolve the country's political crisis. Sources inside Israel said the current government crisis, coupled with the country's economic woes, was generating public concern over the rise of fascism in Israel.



Menachem Begin

Meanwhile, Israeli government sources and newspapers Thursday said Prime Minister Menachem Begin, challenged by his worst government crisis, may resign next week, setting new elections in spring. After weeks of negotiations, Begin has set Sunday as the deadline to resolve a split between two key cabinet ministers over teachers' salaries.

Begin has not taken a public position on either the teachers' dispute or the cabinet crisis. Begin's spokesman said the prime minister had not decided what to do if he fails at Sunday's meeting to force a compromise between the Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who is insisting on a pay rise for teachers, and Finance Minister Yigael Horowitz who is opposing it.

"I see no way out," said an official in Begin's office. "Neither of the ministers is showing any signs of relenting."

Begin's ruling Likud coalition controls 50 per cent of seats in the Knesset and is dependent on the support of independents to

1980 growth at 1.8 per cent

Bonn economy snags

BONN, Jan. 9 (R) — West Germany Friday reported a marked slowdown in economic growth in 1980, with the economy apparently in recession for the last three quarters of the year.

Provisional official statistics showed the economy grew by 1.8 per cent last year, much less than the government forecast, and well below the 4.5 per cent growth achieved in 1979. An economics ministry spokesman said a buoyant first quarter was apparently entirely responsible for the fact that the real gross national product (GNP) grew at all in 1980.

"The figures don't look good at the moment. The problem is how the depth of recession in its duration," he said. West Germany went into recession later than other major western industrialized countries and ministers still hope it will emerge more rapidly than competitors.

But Friday's figures suggest the government must have underestimated the extent of economic downturn, although officials have revised economic targets downwards recently.

Finance Minister Hans Matthoerfer said in mid-September that a 5.5 per cent growth rate was still possible. As recently as mid-October, government figures predicted growth would reach two per cent over the

year. The effects of the recession are apparent in the sharp rise in unemployment, with latest figures showing 1.1 million West Germans are out of work and another 350,000 on part-time work.

Although the federal statistics office gave no figure for the fourth quarter of 1980, economic analysts said it was possible to deduce a fall of between 0.5 and one per cent in GNP for that period from the overall figure announced. One economist predicted the recession would continue into the second half of this year and could be prolonged by any further rise in oil prices.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) expects the West German economy to shrink by 0.25 per cent in 1981 while the Bonn government is still clinging to predictions of up to 0.5 per cent real growth.

The disappointing growth figures followed several other indicators this week that the economy is weakening. Incoming orders for manufacturing industry were down almost three per cent in November and iron and steel production also slumped in 1980, according to latest statistics.

The bleak outlook has prompted renewed calls from West German trade unions and left-wing social democrats for a government program to stimulate the economy.

Japan hit for PLO invitation

Japan Bureau

TOKYO, Jan. 9 — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was reported to have criticized Japan for inviting PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to visit the country this year.

Japanese media reported that Shamir, while talking to Japanese reporters in occupied Jerusalem, criticized Japan for linking too closely Japan's economic profit and seeking oil supplies to its Middle East policy. Shamir cautioned Japan to have a more realistic understanding of the problem of the region.

Last December, a group of Japanese lawmakers belonging to a Supraparty Palestine Friendship Body, sent a delegation headed by Toshio Kimura, former foreign minister and member of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, to Lebanon and Syria to meet and discuss with the Palestine Liberation Organization high command to develop further relations on a political level.

Chairman Arafat was invited by the parliamentarians to visit Japan. Japanese Prime Minister, Zenaro Suzuki, has expressed a deep desire to meet Arafat when the latter

visits Tokyo.

This invitation according to protocol was not from the Japanese government, but it shows a major turnaround in Japan's official policy toward the PLO. Japan is tense at the time of United States President-elect Ronald Reagan's takeover because of its tremendous trade imbalance problems with the United States.

Times has hope for new buyer

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AFP) — The Thomson Group hopes to find a buyer for the *Times* and *Sunday Times* newspapers by the end of this month, a group director, Gordon Brunton, said.

Brunton, who had met leaders of the main unions involved, said that all possible buyers had laid down that agreement must be reached with the unions at national as well as workshop level on staff numbers and new technologies before they made their offers.

France to boost African troops

PARIS, Jan. 9 (R) — France is reinforcing its troops in Africa in reaction to the projected merger of Libya and Chad, defense ministry officials said Friday. The Ministry said the decision was made by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at a meeting with the key defense officials and African affairs specialists Thursday.

Somalia, U.S. discuss military agreement

MOGADISHU, Jan. 9 (AFP) — A four-man U.S. Congress delegation held separate meetings here Thursday with President Muhammad Siad Barre and the President of Somalia's People's Assembly (parliament) Ismail Ali Abokor, the official Somali News Agency (SONA) reported Friday.

No details of the talks were given, but observers here believe that the congressmen, led by Democrat Clarence Young, were mainly centered on possible aid to Somalia. Observers said the two parties would also have reviewed terms of the U.S.-Somalia military cooperation agreement signed in Washington last year.

remain in power. The resignation of either minister and the loss of his party to the coalition would reduce Begin's support below the needed 50 per cent.

The teachers' issue was the latest in a long series of internecine cabinet fights that has kept the government tottering on the edge of collapse for months.

"There are too many hesitations, too much stuttering and not enough action," said Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, leader of the Liberal wing of Begin's Likud. "Perhaps this government is not entitled to serve out its days."

However some Israelis fear that if the Begin government falls, right-wing generals will try to seize power to prevent the Labor Party from recapturing the reins of government, sources said. There are already signs of growing military involvement in Israel's political arena.

A number of active-duty and retired generals have formed a new political group called "Citizens for the State," which has come out in favor of restrictions on civil liberties in the interest of national security.

Among the generals involved in this group are Gen. Avigador Ben Gal, commander of the northern region, Gen. Dan Shamron, commander of the southern region, former Air Force Commander Benny Peled and ex-army Chief of Staff Chaim Laskov.

"Citizens for the State" was highlighted this week in an article in a major Israeli newspaper. The article was entitled: "The generals are coming to get you, Begin."

Meanwhile Shimon Peres, leader of the Israeli Labor Party, has canceled an important trip to the United States, signaling an escalation of Israel's government crisis.

Peres, whose party heads the opposition to the Begin government, was expected here next week for talks with officials in the incoming Reagan administration. The Labor Party leader was also scheduled to attend the inauguration of President-elect Reagan on Jan. 20.

Peres had planned to discuss with Reagan's advisers the so-called "Jordanian option," a Labor Party strategy for involving Jordan in the Middle East peace process at the expense of the Palestinians.

His American visit was suddenly cancelled this week, so that Peres would be able to take part in any parliamentary no-confidence votes against the beleaguered Begin government.

Begin's Likud coalition was approaching the breaking point, as several domestic controversies threatened to produce key defections from the Likud ranks which would eliminate the government's parliamentary majority.

Israeli newspapers are predicting that new elections will be held May 17, far in advance of the scheduled autumn polling date. Some sources say the elections could be held even earlier than May.

Siemens gets contract

MUNICH, Jan. 9 (R) — The West German firm Siemens said Friday it has won a 450 million mark (\$225 million) order from Saudi Arabia for electrical engineering equipment and plant.

A company statement said the plant, which includes 14 transformers, will be

used to improve energy supply in Jeddah, Mecca and Taif.

About \$21 million will go to Transformer Union AG, a Siemens subsidiary. The plant's installation should be completed by the end of 1982, the statement said.

OPEC money in U.S. ranks low as investments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 — Investors from the major oil-exporting countries accounted for less than two per cent of all foreign direct investments in the United States in 1979, according to new U.S. government figures.

While recorded direct investment transactions in the U.S. involving persons, firms or governments of the member-states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) rose 18 per cent in 1979 over the previous year, the value of these transactions was only 1.9 per cent of all recorded foreign investment in the United States

(OFIUS).

Recorded OPEC investments totalled \$350.6 million in 1979, compared with over-all foreign investments of \$18.2 billion.

The 39 OPEC transactions recorded in 1979 represented 2.7 per cent of the total number of 1,312 foreign investments identified by the government agency.

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Abdo Yamani says

Social insurance spreads prosperity

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Government efforts to achieve prosperity is not restricted to enormous allocations for education, health and vocational training, but also covers social insurance and social care, the information minister said Friday.

Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani stated that the budget for the Social Care Agency of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has increased by 48 per cent during the present fiscal year. The agency's budget amounted to SR496.3 million this year, compared to SR239.3 million last year.

Dr. Yamani said the state pays great attention to the manpower training and development program to achieve its aspirations of a prosperous society. "Prosperity and preparing nationals for effective participation in the development of the country are the basic objectives of the state with all its ministries, especially the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs," he added.

"The government provides all necessary procedures to train the work force, secure equal opportunities and beneficial employment in addition to social care and youth welfare," Dr. Yamani said. He hailed the social insurance system and its achievements during the eight years since its establishment.

The social insurance provides regular income for employees of the government and private sector in case of retirement, disability or death, and has been enforced during the fiscal year 1977-1978 for private companies with more than 20 employees, in addition to all government departments, the information minister said.



INSPECTION: Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, information minister, and Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, Deputy minister, inspect site preparations for the summit conference.

He expressed hope that as of next year the system will extend to private companies employing between 10 and 19 workers.

Dr. Yamani pointed out that the number of recipients in social insurance reached 1.58 million, of which 1.36 are from the private sector and about 220,000 are government employees. Employers participating in the

system have increased to 5,230 from the private sector compared to 733 government departments and public organizations.

The total pensions and compensations issued by the social insurance organization last year amounted to SR 16.2 million, he said. The number of institutions to which the social insurance system has been applied

have increased by 400 per cent since the start of the system. This shows the government's efforts to have public and private sector employees subscribe to the social insurance system.

Dr. Yamani hailed the important role of the social insurance system in the stability, security and care to provide for families and individuals. He said the social insurance organization's budget for the current fiscal year amounts to SR 2.189 billion, 13 per cent more than last year's.

The budget allocated SR 100 million as pensions and aid for people unable to work because of economic or social reasons. The assistance will be issued on a monthly basis, or as emergency aid for people hit by natural disasters.

The minister referred to other social care fields provided by the government. He said that there are now 28 centers for social education, social guidance, and care, reform centers, social welfare center for children and old people. There also are four vocational rehabilitation centers for disabled or retarded girls.

Dr. Yamani said the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs helps families of handicapped people with SR 6,000 annually. Blind people get extra care in training, he said.

Minister leads Gulf labor delegation

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, left for Abu Dhabi Friday to lead the Kingdom's delegation to the third session of the Arab Gulf Labor and Social Affairs Ministerial Council opening there Saturday.

The meeting will review the social welfare institutions' role in promoting society in the Arab Gulf. It will assess the services rendered by each Gulf state to its labor force to boost the workers' productivity along with their liv-

ing standards. Ministers also will adopt the statute of the ministerial council's follow-up bureau. They will discuss cooperation and coordination in the field of labor and social affairs.

Sheikh Ibrahim is accompanied by Muhammad Al-Faiz, governor of the Gen-

eral Social Security Organization; Rashed Mokhes, assistant undersecretary for social affairs; Muhammad Al-Malek, assistant undersecretary for social welfare; Dr. Yassin Anderjiri, manpower director general; and Mahmoud Said Al-Khaledi, director general for international organizations.

COMMENT

By Abdul Aziz Al-Nahari
Al Bilad

Once I sat down to ask myself whether it is difficult for us to change our country in order to bring it in line with the advanced Western countries.

It is yet a dream of every Saudi Arabian who travels abroad in pursuit of study or for a visit to the countries of America and Europe. We come back home and also desire to see expressways built in our country, telephone hookups provided within 24 hours and letters delivered to the addressee in a day or two.

I believe we also can do all this easily, and nothing can be impossible if all of us fulfill our obligations sincerely. Everyone, including the mayor, the landlord, the head of a department and even the ordi-

nary official himself is a citizen, and if everyone of us understood and carried out his responsibility in a desired manner, we would be able to render commendable services to our country and the people alike.

But, unfortunately, what we observe is that some people come to the office at 10 o'clock instead of eight, the house refuse is recklessly dumped on the street and the postman, who is entrusted with a 100 letters, delivers only a score of them. All these matters form the backbone of patriotism. It is only our honesty, sincerity, selfless service and the will to work that would put us on the road to progress. Even our faith urges us to fulfill our obligations. If we work as the faith enjoins, we are sure to reach the goal of progress and prosperity.

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Vandals ruin coin phones

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, Jan. 9 — According to a Saudi Telephone spokesman, coin telephone vandalism is becoming a greater problem all the time. Saudi Telephone is asking for the help of all citizens in putting a stop to this serious, and sometimes dangerous criminal act.

Coin telephones have become a vital part of the communications needs of citizens since the introduction of the telephone expansion program. Today, the Kingdom is served by some 1,564 coin sets throughout the country. Citizens use coin telephones in time of emergency: to report fires, car accidents, the need for medical help, or to call police. When vandals strike, they are breaking more than a coin telephone, they are breaking a citizen's link to emergency help. For this reason, coin telephone vandalism is one of the most serious crimes that can be committed, said the spokesman.

Yet, some thoughtless and irresponsible people have caused great damage to coin sets. Directories, for example, have been pulled off their mountings, handsets have been stolen, paint has been sprayed onto the sets and booths, and foreign objects and liquids have been deposited into the coin slots.

Saudi Telephone is determined to take action to prevent further abuse, so that citizens may have good service from a clean, operational coin telephone. Citizens are asked to watch coin telephone sets in their vicinity, and report any acts of vandalism. Merchants who have stores near a coin set are asked to report any suspicious acts. Citizens can either call the police directly (using Saudi Telephone's special service code: 999), or call Saudi Telephone's repair department (904).

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Islamic bank adds expertise

Summit to discuss economics

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Discussions at the third Islamic summit will focus on an elaborate economic strategy to ensure the economic welfare of Islamic states during the present decade, according to Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank.

ing agricultural and food production, promoting trade among Islamic countries, promoting industry, communications, science and technology Ali said. The plan also covers financial, banking, health, population, technical cooperation and energy fields. The bank's objective is to promote economic and social development in Islamic countries by adhering to Islamic economic and banking concepts which considers interest on capital as usury, and excludes it from transactions. The IDB's activities include equity participation, profit

sharing, loans and across-the-board grants, leasing and the financing of foreign trade — mostly between member states.

Dr. Ali said the IDB to date contributed in 95 projects in 35 member states. It also established close relations with a number of international institutions in the development field, such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Kuwait Special Fund, The Arab League Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization and others. It also established relations with economic institutions of its member states.

Meanwhile, Arab diplomats in Jeddah expressed confidence Thursday that the forthcoming Islamic summit will be conclusive. In statements published by *Al-Riyadh*, the emissaries said the conference will help greatly the cause of Jerusalem which is now under Zionist occupation. They said the summit will chart the Islamic countries' political strategy for the future. All of the officials described the conference as historic because of the time and place in which it is being held. They lauded Saudi Arabia for its relentless endeavors to heal rifts between member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. They stressed that the summit is not directed against anyone, but aims primarily at uniting Muslim ranks.

Sheikh Ahmad ibn Saif Al-Thani, Qatar's state minister for foreign affairs said in Jeddah that the summit will identify all the obstacles to Islamic action in the various fields with a view to removing them.



A view of the gallery

Jeddah art gallery to open

JEDDAH, Jan. 9 — The first art gallery of its kind in the country opens here Saturday at the Redec Plaza. Owner Gaith Rashad Pharoan started the display as a public service, and the gallery will display work by some leading contemporary

artists of France. Proceeds from the sales of paintings will be remitted to the artists. "The whole concept," according to organizer, "is to provide an art gallery of high caliber where art lovers can spend hours enjoying the latest in French oil paintings."

Girls' education conference ends

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Directors of Girls Education in Saudi Arabia wound up their second five-day conference here on the second and third five-year-plans of the General Organization of Girls Education. They dealt with educational, administrative and

financial problems. Sheikh Rashed ibn Saleh ibn Khanin, director general of girls education, urged educators to exert more effort to promote the education of girls in harmony with Islamic tenets.

Earlier in the day, the educators were met

by King Khaled. They were also received by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman who reviewed with them the development of girls education in various parts of the Kingdom in recent years as a result of King Khaled's and Crown Prince Fahd's instructions. He reminded them that they shouldered a great responsibility in educating the girls within the confines of Islamic teachings and the country's deep-rooted traditions.

The educators also visited the General Organization of Girls Education and inspected the modern teaching equipment division. They then lunched at the table of Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia Thursday celebrated Arab Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy. Ceremonies were held to highlight the dangers of illiteracy which impedes economic and social development plans. Prizes were awarded to adults who earned honors in their studies in various literacy schools in the Kingdom.

Taif marks PLO anniversary

TAIF, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Taif Emir Sheikh Saleh Al-Salem officiated here Thursday at a ceremony organized by the Palestine Liberation Organization's Bureau to mark the 16th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution. The ceremony was attended by Rafiq Al-Natsha, Fateh's representative to Saudi

Arabia. Natsha highly commended Crown Prince Fahd's call for Jihad (holy struggle) to liberate Jerusalem and the rest of the occupied Arab territories and thanked the Saudi King, people and government for their continuous support to the Palestinian cause.

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Islamic seminar scheduled

By a staff writer
RIYADH, Jan. 9 — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad and other senior officials will attend a seminar here Jan. 17 on the "Aims and Horizons of Islamic Solidarity" as part of a program launched by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University to coincide with the holding in Saudi Arabia of the Third Islamic Summit.

Red Sea pollution
JEDDAH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — A conference to draw up a program for the protection of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden from pollution

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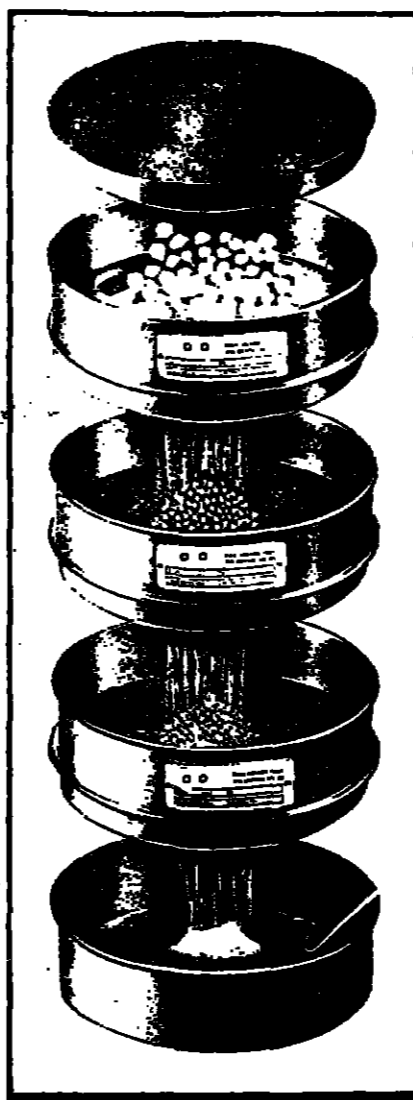
opens at the Marine Science Institute here Saturday. It will discuss a working paper submitted by Saudi Arabia on the issue. The paper is to be submitted by Saudi Arabia on the issue. The paper is to be submitted to another meeting of legal and environmental experts.

Al-Thanyan returns
RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Foreign Undersecretary Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thanyan returned from Manama Thursday at the close of a four-nation Gulf tour during

which he conveyed messages from King Khaled to the leaders of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain. The messages were part of the Kingdom's efforts to achieve cooperation, coordination and unity of ranks among brothers.

ZIA DISCUSSES SUMMIT
ISLAMABAD, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq Wednesday discussed preparations for the forthcoming Third Islamic Summit in Saudi Arabia with the Kingdom's Ambassador to Pakistan Sheikh Samir Al-Shihabi.

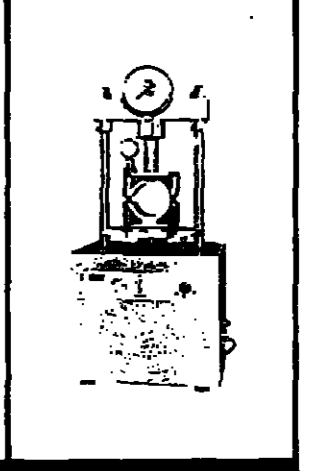
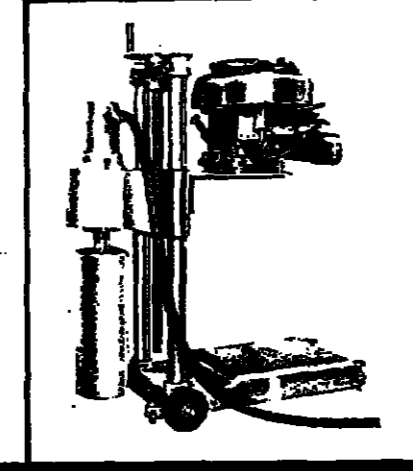
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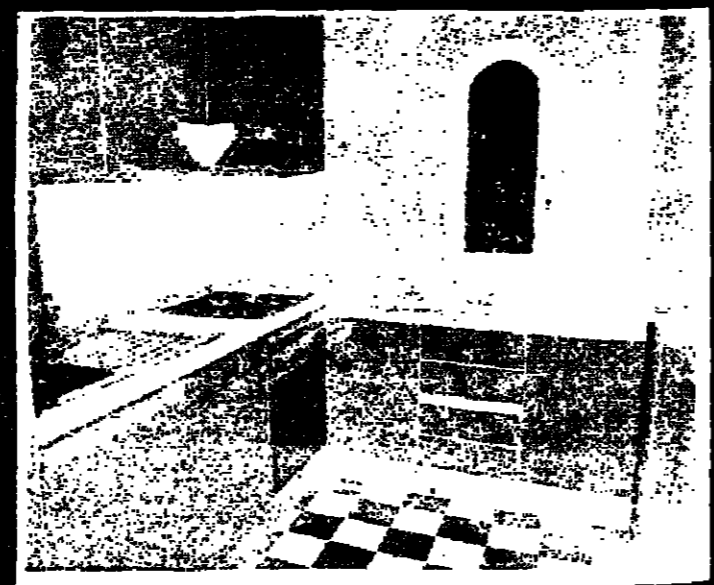
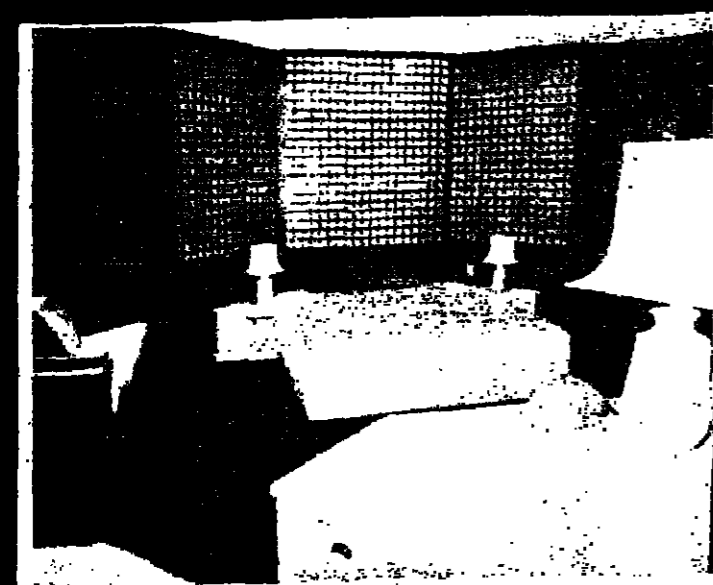
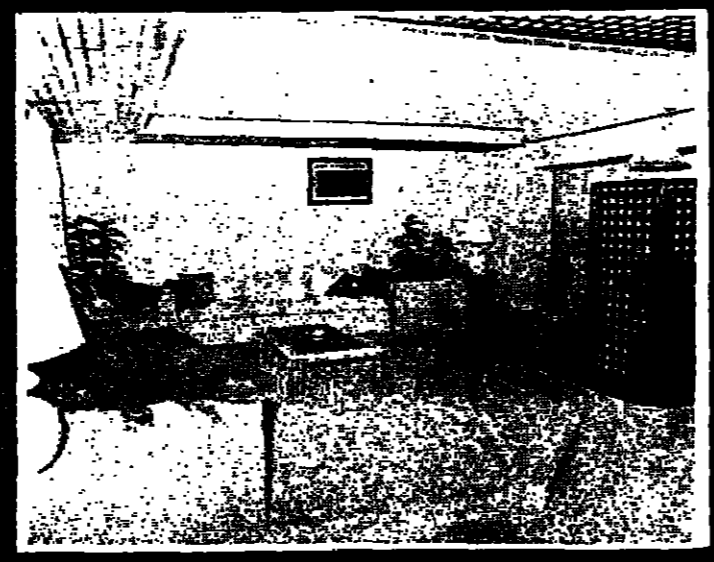
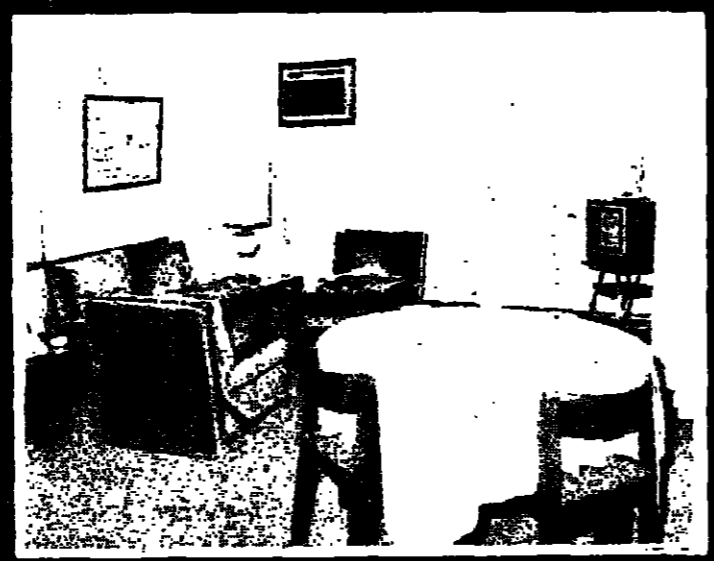
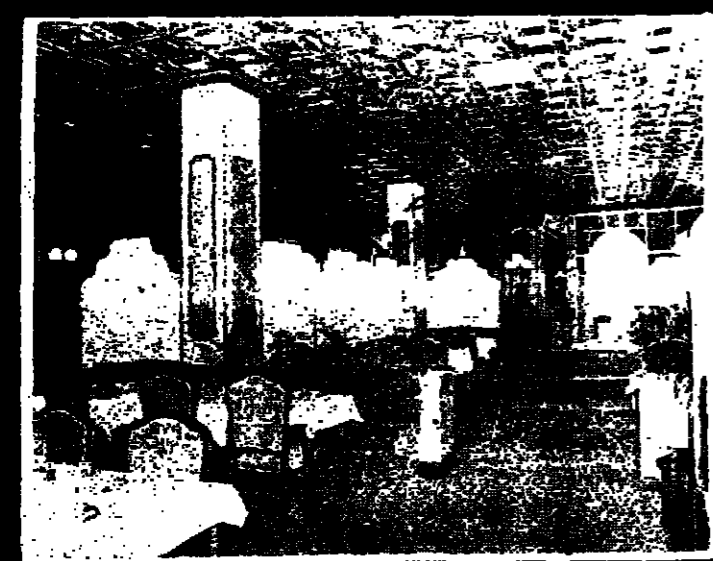
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Palestinian state is imminent, Arafat says



Yasser Arafat

NICOSIA, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — The establishment of a Palestinian state is imminent, Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying in a magazine interview published this week.

The new year 1981 is the year of the Palestinian option. The establishment of a Palestinian state is imminent and I am very sure the people of Palestine are nearer to achieving their goal of establishing their own independent state on their land.

Meanwhile, several thousand Palestinian students studying abroad were summoned home several weeks ago to undergo intensive military training in Lebanon, reliable Palestinian sources said in Beirut Thursday.

Mengistu asks Egypt, China to clarify policy

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam has asked China and Egypt to explain their policy toward what he called a decision by "imperialism to arm and strengthen Somalia."

Pledges to foil Libya's plans Egypt to sever Chad ties

CAIRO, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Egypt decided to break its diplomatic ties with Chad in response to the announcement of the Libyan-Chadian merger earlier this week.

Algeria, Tunisia affirm strong ties

TUNIS, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Tunisia and Algeria reaffirmed here Thursday the "complete harmony and excellence" of the political links between them and pledged to bring their economic ties up to a similar level.

Kissinger visits Oman

BAHRAIN, Jan. 9 (R) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrived in Muscat Thursday on a three-day private visit to Oman following his tour of Egypt, Israel and Somalia.

BRIEFS

Two Brotherhood men slain in Syria

DAMASCUS, Jan. 9 (AP) — Two members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood were shot dead here Thursday after a gun battle with security forces in the town's main old market.

ANKARA, (AP) — Turkey's supreme court has ruled that an article in the penal code banning Communist propaganda was constitutional. The ruling of the highest constitutional court appeared in the Thursday's editions of the official gazette.

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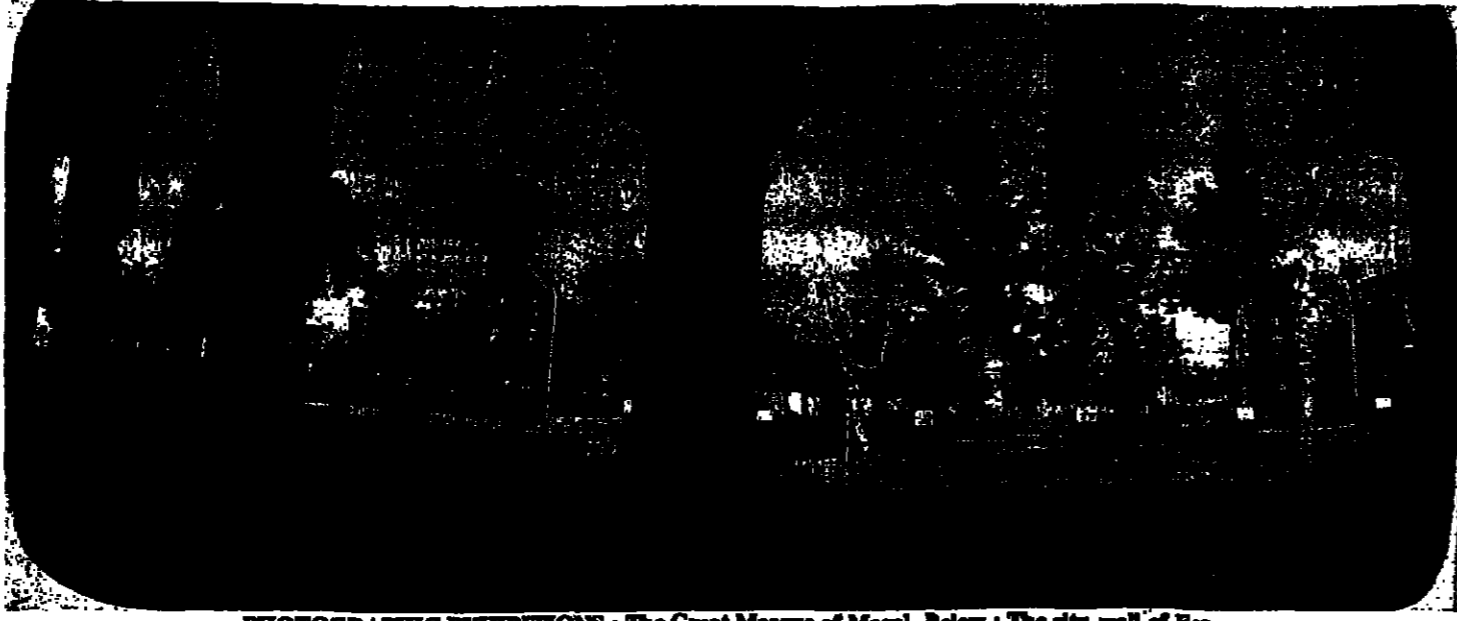
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Fez

By F.W. Rawding



PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS: The Great Mosque of Mosul. Below: The city wall of Fez.

Focus on ancient cities

LONDON, Jan. 9 — An attractive photographic exhibition is currently being held at the Israeli Cultural Center gallery in Tottenham Court Road in London's busy west end. Fez has been superbly photographed by Faris who succeeds in evoking all the charm and splendor of this Moroccan city. Fez is the most ancient and distinguished of the four great seats of the Moorish Sultans. Founded in 790 A.D. by Idris the First, it stands on the right bank of the Wadi Fez. Later additions, on the left bank, made by Idris the Second completed the city about 20 years later.

The city stands in a most beautiful valley ringed by olive clad hills. The most impressive quarter of the city was built by some 1,000 families from Andalusia expelled from Spain by the Caliph Hakam Husham. They brought with them the distinctive styles of Andalusian culture in which Islamic architecture reached a high point of delicacy and sophistication. Other immigrant groups arrived in the course of time from Tunisia, leaving their imprint upon this city. A lady from Tunisia, Fatima un al Basin, built the Qarawiyin Mosque in 854 A.D. This is the oldest mosque in North Africa. It became a center of learning and thus can be considered one of the oldest universities in the world.

As time went on, a number of important buildings were added, including the royal palaces and the Great Mosque, famous for its extraordinary minaret. The modern city was built by the French, under Marshal Ley, in the year 1916.

For many centuries, Fez was the capital of Morocco. By the middle of the 14th century it had reached its zenith as a center of learning and of commerce. It remains the most important city of Morocco for Islamic learning although it has been overtaken in political importance by Rabat, which became the capital, under the French, in 1911.

In spite of the march of time, Fez is still remarkable for its Andalusian ambience. It bears the indelible marks of the culture and heritage of Arabic Spain and carries with pride the rich artifacts of its glorious past.

Mosul

Mosul is the other city depicted in a fascinating photographic exhibition now being held in the Israeli Cultural Center gallery in London. Mosul, a little known city to most westerners, has been wonderfully captured by the camera of Jasim al Zubaidi.

Mosul is one of the greatest cities of Iraq. Situated by the Tigris, only a short distance from the antique ruins of Nineveh, capital of the Assyrian Kings, it was founded during the reign of the second Caliph, Umar ibn Al Khattab, in the seventh century A.D. Mosul has had a more than usually dramatic history and its walls have often been raised, destroyed and battered down again in its 13 turbulent centuries.

In a rebellion against the Caliph of Baghdad in the eighth century, the governor of Mosul declared his city independent. This defiance caused Harun al Rashid to lay siege to Mosul and pull down its walls in 793. After 300 years, the walls were rebuilt, even more strongly. Under the Atabegs, the city became a fortress. By the middle of the 13th century, when the Mongols invaded Iraq like locusts, Mosul had become a city renowned for trade and culture all over the Arab world. The entire region, rich and cultivated, was ravaged by the hordes of Hulagu. In 1518, Mosul was occupied by the Persians and 20 years later, by the Ottoman Turks.

A succession of governors built palaces, administrative headquarters and mosques, important and distinguished buildings, representing a variety of architectural styles. Among the most interesting quarters of the city, especially for the traveller, are the numerous and well constructed suqs. The Wednesday Market and nearby, the Suqs of the Hemp Weavers and the Fur Dealers, still resound to the noisy bargaining of buyers and sellers.

Mosul is also famous for its schools and mosques. Nowadays, within what remains of its walls and among its dreaming minarels are carried on the enterprises of a modern industrial and commercial city. Mosul enjoys an excellent and temperate climate.

U.S. space shuttle

Safety margin in doubt

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (ONS), Jan. 9 — Three years behind schedule and \$4 billion over budget, the space shuttle — key to U.S. space exploration and exploitation for the remainder of this century — rolled slowly to its launch pad at Cape Canaveral last week to begin the countdown for a March 14 lift-off.

"And this time it will be a lift-off," beamed one official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "The shuttle's problems are over."

Originally scheduled to put U.S. astronauts back into space in March 1978; the stubby, airplane-like rocket-ship has earned a name in the satellite business as America's space lemon. The reusable ship is designed to be a space "freighter" taking satellites (civil and military), scientists and research projects into orbit and back to earth for a 200 m.p.h. landing. Its troubles, in the generally successful U.S. space program, have been unparalleled. Four serious engine fires during the last two years of testing have raised doubts about what NASA insists are "the lightest, most efficient liquid propellant engines yet developed."

Two inquiries into top-level fumbling resulted last October in a major management shake-up, ordered by NASA chief Robert Frosch. A third investigation is under way into charges that Rockwell International, the prime contractor, tried to conceal from federal officials its huge cost overruns. More than \$9 billion has already been spent on a project budgeted by Congress at \$5.1 billion in 1971 dollars.

After eight years, Rockwell has delivered only one orbiter, the Columbia. By the time the planned fleet of four is complete, U.S. taxpayers will have shelled out at least \$15 billion for their new slice of space technology.

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reconsidering their options. The delays translate into millions in higher costs for the launching of U.S. space vehicles to Jupiter.

The Pentagon is piqued because it must still use expensive conventional rockets to put its spy satellites into orbit from California's top secret Vandenberg USAF base, one of the ship's two launch sites. If the shuttle schedule slips back again, the Pentagon will have to order three costly Titan rockets to verify Soviet compliance with SALT.

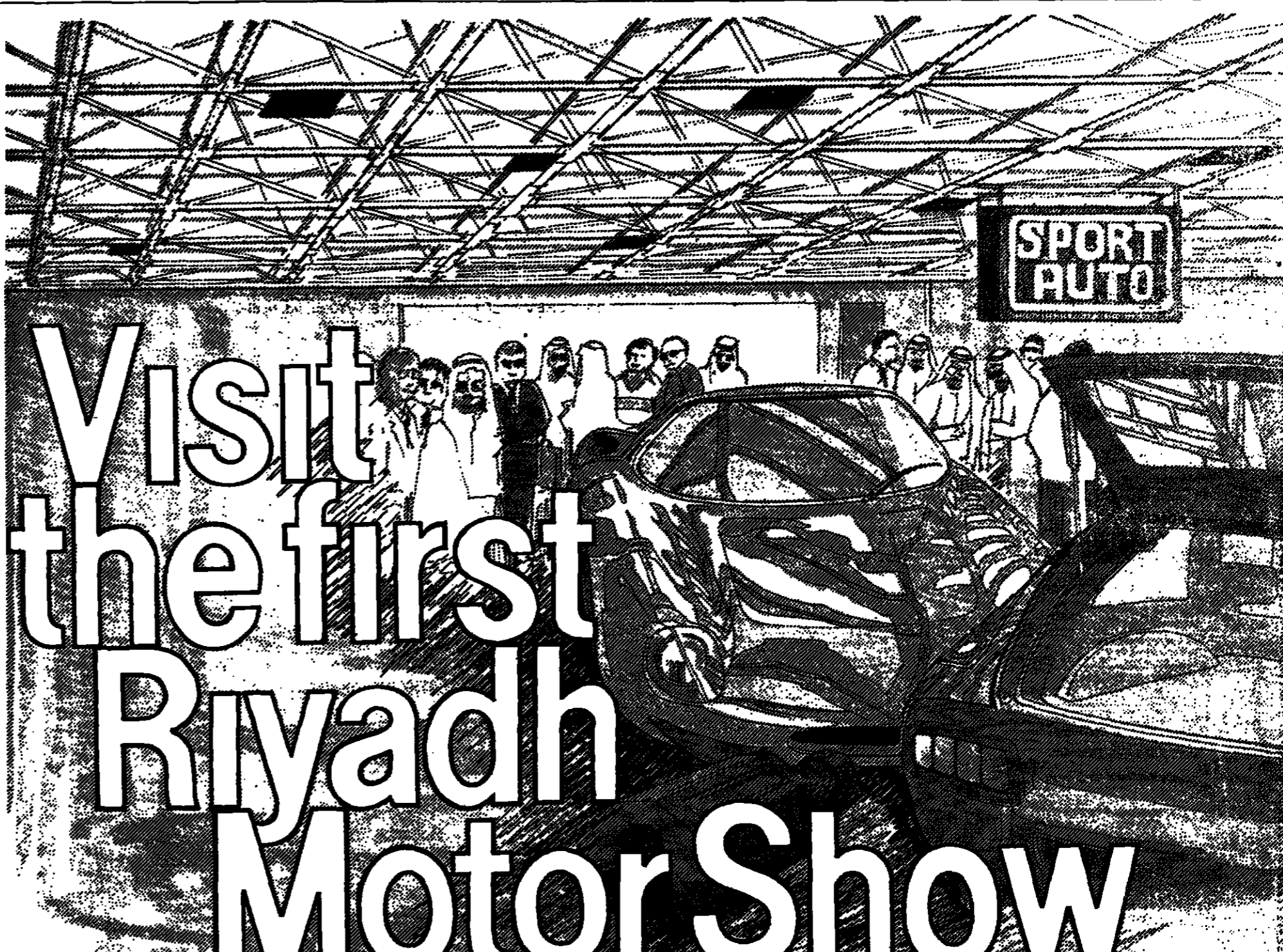
How did the program, initiated with high hopes by Richard Nixon in 1972, get into such a tangle? NASA brass blame that hardy bureaucratic perennial, "lack of adequate funding" by Congress. But California space experts fault NASA for allowing contractors Rockwell, Lockheed and others to forge ahead with hardware for flight models without ground-testing duplicate components as work progressed.

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This two-year-long tiling process was two-thirds complete when Lockheed tests in California showed that the tiles would not stand the stress of reaching the ship's modest 17.5-mile high orbit. The entire system had to be redesigned, strengthened and replaced.

Troubles notwithstanding, preparations are going ahead for the first launch from Vandenberg base, 150 miles north of Los Angeles, from which 20 secret military space missions a year will start. More than \$400 million has been poured into the huge base this year alone for new 30-story gantries, launch pads, the doubling in size of an 8,000 ft. runway, and even a small harbour to allow the shuttle's two cumbersome fuel tanks to be brought in by sea. The tanks are designed to parachute down into the Pacific after dispatching the contraption orbitward.

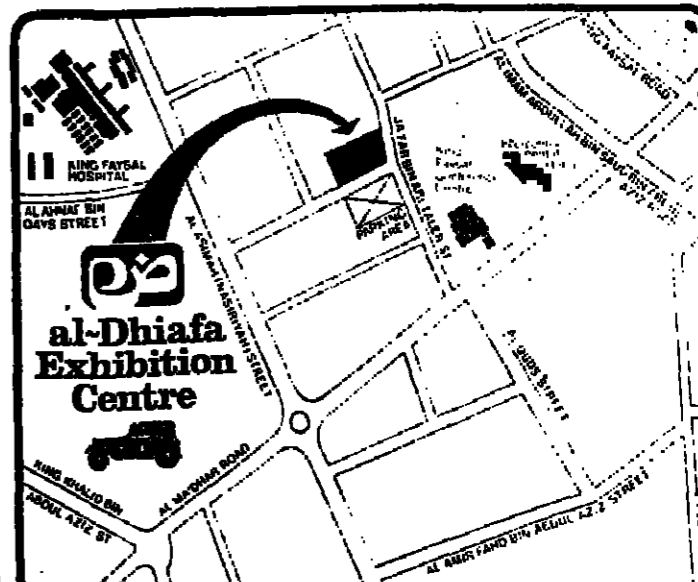


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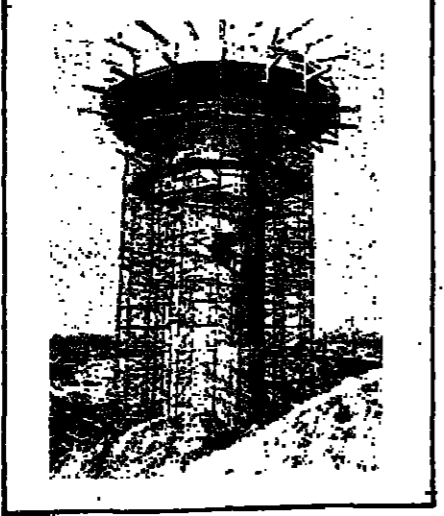
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In South America

Illegal drug boom causes inflation

By Timothy Ross

BOGOTA, Colombia, (LAT) — The legal drug industry in South America, with export earnings now exceeding \$5 billion a year, has become an immensely powerful, brutally self-interested and largely invisible force for economic, political and social change.

But the sums of money involved are so vast, the power they buy so far-reaching and the people employed so numerous that the industry has become highly noticeable by reflection on the already troubled surfaces of Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, where the volcanic effects of the drug boom are shaking national structures and pushing new, unstable strata to the top.

Whatever the local variables, a figure of \$5 billion in illicit earnings for producers and exporters is a conservative estimate — the U.S. drug enforcement administration puts the figure at nearer \$10 billion.

Bolivia's July 17 military takeover, which prevented President-elect Hernan Siles Zuazo from assuming office as the head of a civilian government, was led by an alliance of organized crime groups, extreme rightists (including a few wanted war criminals) and ambitious military officers. The ordinary pickings of power in impoverished Bolivia are of little importance compared with control of the cocaine trade, whose export earnings have long since overtaken those from the country's principal legitimate product, tin, and in fact are worth more than all the nation's exports combined.

Archaeological evidence shows that South American man has chewed coca leaves for their drug effect for at least 5,000 years, and today for most Amazon jungle tribes and the highland Indians of Bolivia, Peru and parts of Colombia, coca is still at the center of traditional beliefs and rituals, and is grown, traded and used legally and openly.

The physiological actions of coca (different from and vastly more complex than cocaine) are still not fully understood, but research findings indicate that by aiding the human

body to absorb nutrition from poor food and oxygen from thin air, coca is a vital element to survival in the harsh conditions of high altitudes.

Despite repeated half-hearted government attempts to prohibit new planting and to encourage sowing of substitute crops, the ever-growing demand for the raw material of the "champagne of drugs" is spreading coca farming across the thriving coffee and citrus farms of the Bolivian Yungas, steadily being chopped down to make way for the more profitable coca bushes.

The Bolivian police narcotics division estimates coca-leaf production at 35,000 tons a year, more than four times the amount needed for traditional chewing and medicinal needs of peasants, Indians and miners.

The cocaine trade is a high-stakes, double-or-quits game: a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of base, bought in Bolivia for \$5,000, plus a few gallons of chemicals, plastic buckets, glassware, filter papers and basic skills, can be turned into pure sniffing cocaine worth \$10,000 right there in La Paz. If it is taken to Bogota without interference from authorities or other rivals for its possession, the kilogram of white powder and glittering lumps will have again doubled its price. And if successfully transported to North America or Europe, once again there is a 100 per cent markup.

Maximum profit and minimum risk require a horizontally integrated organization leading all the way from the coca field to the cocaine consumer, with its own transport, communications, banking and enforcement systems, and maximum possible influence over the authorities that might cause trouble.

The big consortia are not satisfied with merely bribing or threatening a few customs officers or police chiefs into cooperation: they work to put their own people into these posts or into those immediately controlling them, or best of all, into the political positions that decide policy.

The five or six active groups running cocaine into the United States, like those of the Miami-based "Godmother" Griselda

Blanco and the New York-area "Garcia group," are Colombian-run, and now control the movement of their merchandise from the base laboratories of Bolivia, Peru and Colombia's eastern plains, through the refining and smuggling stages until it reaches the small-scale wholesaler. Some exporters now take orders, with U.S. delivery guaranteed, for up to one ton at a time, at prices of \$15 million to \$30 million, according to the supply and demand situation, the desired delivery point and the terms of payment.

Bribes are naturally on a commensurate scale: when Bogota police recently confiscated nearly half a ton of cocaine, they also captured more than \$2 million in bills offered them as an incentive not to take any prisoners. If \$2 million was turned down, one can only speculate about the size of accepted bribes.

Bolivia's coca base and pure cocaine exports now run about \$1 billion a year, and since the mid-'70s, the military has been easing its way into control. In Bolivia, two of Gen. Luis Garcia Meza's cabinet members, the education and interior ministers, are among the biggest crime lords of the continent, and from top to bottom, Bolivian authorities now seem to be dedicated to pumping out drugs.

In Peru, the Quechua-speaking descendants of the Inca empire who make up the bulk of the highland population are still wary of "Los Blancos" and are largely reluctant to sell the sacred coca leaf for profit, but Mestizo colonists in the lowlands of the northeast, especially around Tingo Maria and Pucallpa, have in the last three years turned coca into Peru's number-one crop, with an export value estimated by Lima authorities at more than \$500 million, from some 80 tons of base, mostly shipped directly to Colombia.

Colombia's national association of financial institutions, a bank-financed think tank, estimates drug income at \$3.5 billion annually, slightly more than all legal export earnings, and brands it the biggest single cause of inflation, corruption and violence.

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Conflicting guerrilla views

Judge's fate hangs in balance

ROME, Jan. 9 (R) — Conflicting guerrilla views on the conditions for his release increased concern Friday for the safety of the kidnapped magistrate by the Red Brigades. Giovanni d'Urso, a justice ministry official responsible for prison transfers, was condemned to death by his captors last Sunday. But the final decision on his fate was left to the imprisoned guerrillas at Palmi and Trani jails. Last night, the Trani inmates took a harder line than their Palmi comrades by approving a stay of execution only if three of their statements were published in the national press.

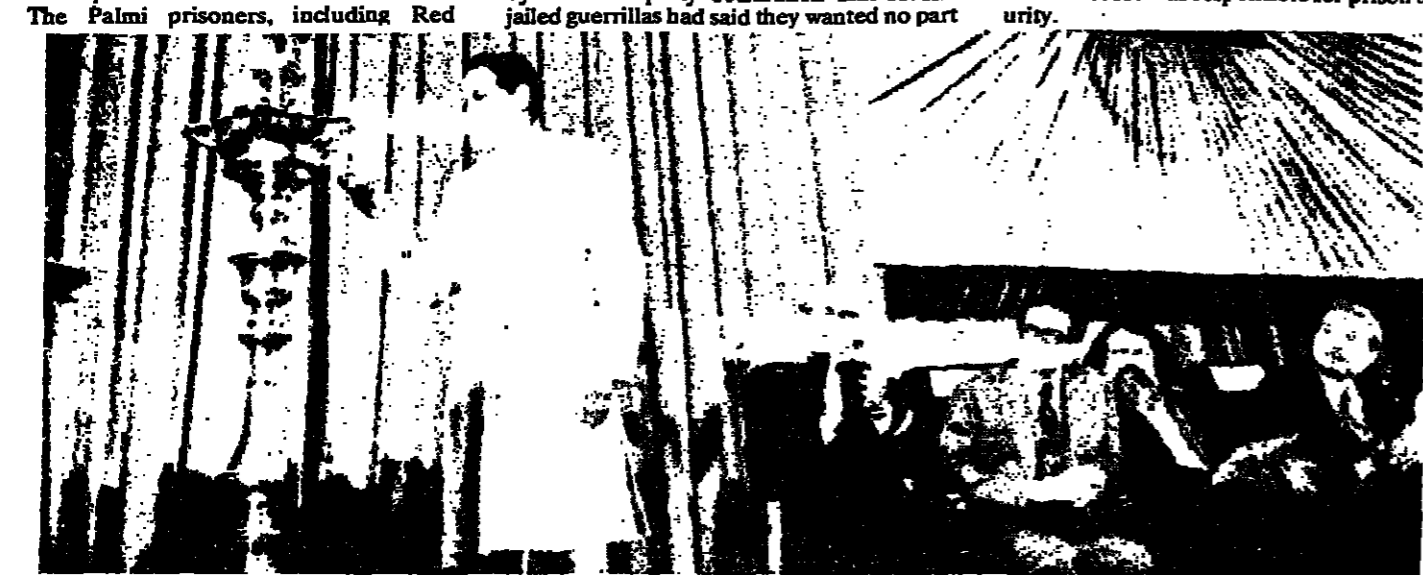
Brigades, have called for the release of d'Urso. They said he was penitent and had collaborated with his captors. The Trani prisoners verdict was handed to a radical party delegation visiting the jail who had earlier broadcast one of the guerrilla statements on their party radio.

But the government, supported by the press and television, had refused to give the guerrillas any access to the media to air their views.

The apparent disagreement between Red Brigades' factions was highlighted Thursday by a radical party declaration that several jailed guerrillas had said they wanted no part

in the d'Urso affair. The government, which has received a mixed criticism of its handling of the recent upsurge in guerrilla violence, tough questions at the emergency debate on the problem Saturday. It was attacked for hurrying the closure of Asinara jail following the kidnappers' demands but was praised for its tough action in quashing a revolt by Trani prisoners holding 18 hostages.

Since then, the Brigades have gained another victim by shooting dead carabinieri General Enrico Galvaigi, a close colleague of d'Urso. He was responsible for prison security.



FILM FESTIVAL : Information Minister Vasant Sathé lighting a lamp, the traditional Indian symbol of learning and purity at the opening Saturday of the eighth International Film Festival of India in New Delhi. Jury members who will judge the films are at right. The festival entered second week now.

Violence at film festival

Delhi student crowd damages theater

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (AP) — Violent demonstrations had erupted here at two theaters screening international festival films. The reasons for violence were: one theater had too few seats and the other was showing a film which had too little sex. The showing of the Hungarian entry *Balint meets God* was interrupted Wednesday night at Vigyan Bhavan auditorium, where the films competing for awards were screened, when some students pushed their way into the hall and began shouting "stop the show."

tossed chairs around, climbed on tops of tables and held shawls in front of the projection booth. Calm was restored after V.P. Sathé, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, promised a special showing of the movie.

Across town at another theater, an angry crowd stormed out of the hall, demanded their money back and when that failed, began tearing up the theater because the movie they were seeing, the Spanish-made *The Old Memory*, was devoid of sex scenes. The independent *Indian Express* newspaper, under the headline "more sex please — we're Indians," gave an account of the "minor riot": "The people who had paid 10 to 15 rupees (about US \$1.30 to 1.95) each expecting some sex were taken aback when they were shown instead a serious black and white movie with

lengthy dialogues and sub-titles concerning the brutalization of the memory of five victims of the Franco regime," it said. One man kicked out the glass pane of the entrance door, and a large number of theater seats were ripped, the newspaper reported.

Some members of the crowd sold their ticket stubs to the waiting people and these people became more angry than the first group. Police were called to restore calm. The film festival, India's eighth, has proved popular with the movie-mad Indian public. One rule of the festival, sponsored by the prestigious Federation International de Association du Film Producers, is that the films must be shown uncensored and uncensored. A total of 163 films from 53 countries were competing for gold and silver *Peacock* awards. The two-week festival was opened last Saturday.

Mrs. Gandhi's envoy meets Karmal

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (R) — A special envoy of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has met Afghan President Babrak Karmal in Kabul, All India Radio reported. Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathé went to Kabul Thursday mainly to discuss the conference of foreign ministers from non-aligned countries here in a month. He was also expected to discuss the Afghan situation in detail. His visit follows talks here Monday bet-

ween Mrs. Gandhi and Afghanistan's Education Minister Ratabzad who is a top member of the Soviet-backed government in Kabul and a staunch supporter of President Karmal. Ratabzad brought a message from Karmal saying his government was trying to negotiate with Pakistan and Iran in the presence of a U.N. representative to achieve a practical solution of problems affecting the region. All India Radio did not give details of

Thursday's meeting in Kabul between Sathé and the Afghan leader.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gandhi in what was seen as a reference to Pakistan, said that some neighboring countries were busy with a military build-up, it was reported here. She said they were not only procuring arms but "it is also in the air that they are preparing an atomic bomb."

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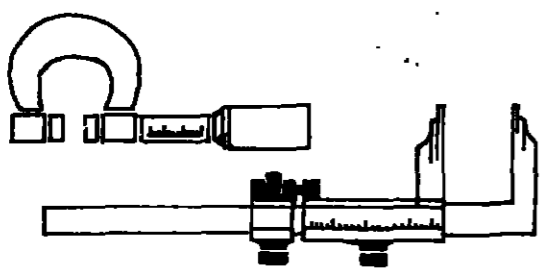
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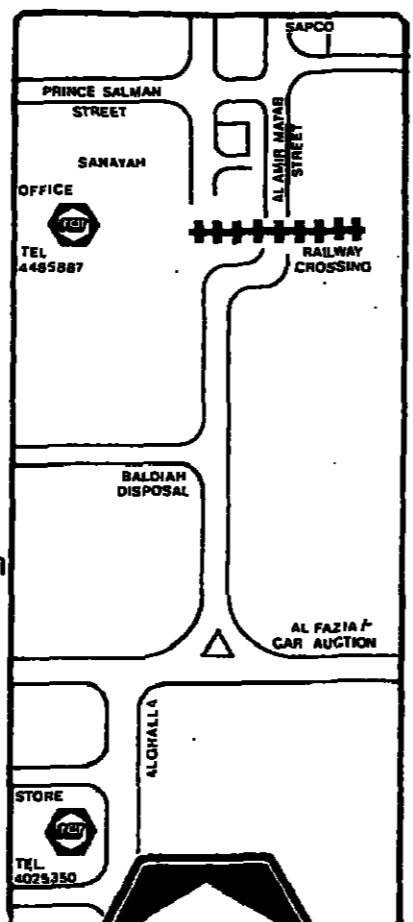
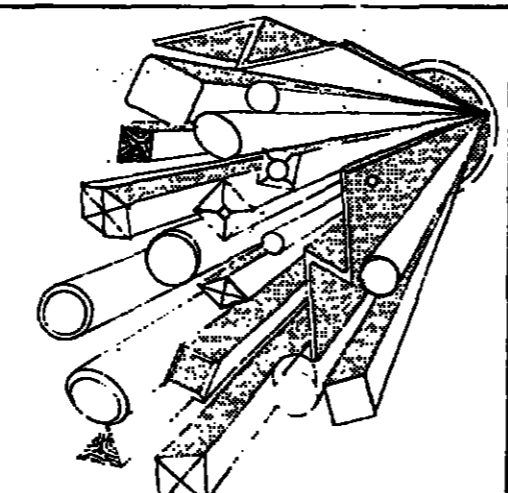
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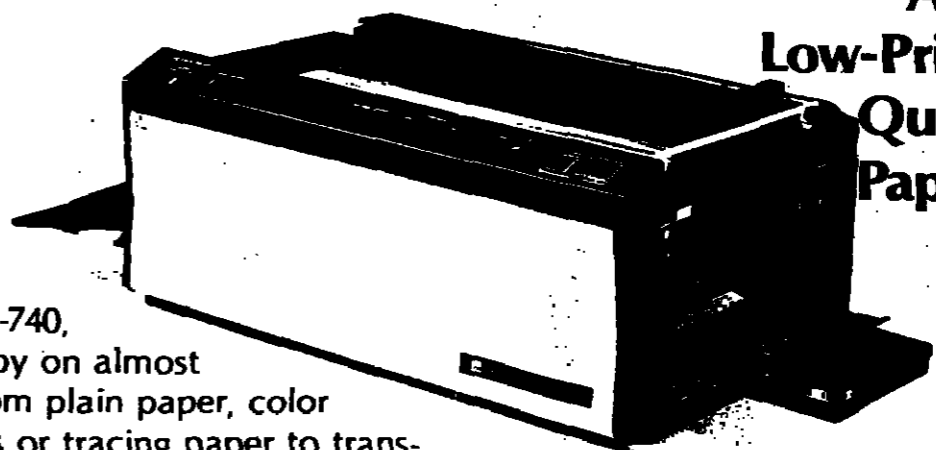
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na Soviet spy, in ex-CIA man, jailed

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9 (AP) — David H. Barnett, a former CIA operative, was sentenced to 18 years in prison Thursday for filing intelligence secrets to the Soviet Union for \$92,600.

"I don't think there is any question of the fact that you did harm to this country," said U.S. District Judge Frank Kaufman. Kaufman said the sentence was intended to deter others from selling intelligence secrets. The maximum sentence for espionage is life in prison.

Barnett pleaded guilty last Oct. 29 to a single count of transmitting information to a foreign power. The plea came as part of a bargain with the federal government. The government had agreed not to make any recommendation for sentence, but made a statement detailing Barnett's crime.

Barnett did not withhold the lion's share of the information he had about the American intelligence community," said Assistant U.S. attorney David D. Queen. "The most amazing information in the hands of Barnett, in the opinion of CIA analysts, was transmitted to the KGB." Queen added in his statement at Barnett's sentencing.

Barnett, 47, now runs an import-export business. George Matava, a justice department lawyer, had described the allegations against Barnett, during the early stages of his trial last fall — before the plea bargain was reached.

Matava said then that the government would prove Barnett left the CIA in 1970 in hopes of making more money. He then failed as a businessman in Indonesia, Matava said, more than \$100,000 in debt, turned to the Soviet KGB in 1976 to sell U.S. secrets.

Over the next three years, Barnett proved an indifferent Soviet spy, Matava said: He lied to the KGB, disobeyed orders, failed to meet goals and was caught by the FBI.

BBC announcer dead

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP) — Alvar Lidell, the British Broadcasting Corporation announcer, whose measured tones informed the people of Britain of the outbreak of World War II and the abdication of King Edward VIII, has died at the age of 72, his family announced Thursday. The family said Lidell died Wednesday after a long illness.

Lidell, who retired in 1969, was the voice of the BBC to millions during the war years. He started his career in 1932 when BBC announcers wore evening dress to deliver the radio news.

Beethoven tops again

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP) — For the 29th consecutive year, Beethoven's symphonies remained top of the classical charts in London's concert halls last year. There were 50 performances of his symphonies in 1980. Runner-up was Mozart with 39 and Mahler a surprising third with 22 performances.



FORMER PLATTER DIES: David Lynch, top right, an original member of "The Platters" singing group, died of cancer last week in Long Beach, California. He was 51. Others in the group are Irvin Robi, top left, Tony Williams, center, and Herbert Reed.

Contacts with China Taipei warns against speculation

TAIPEI, Jan. 9 (AFP) — A Taiwanese Government spokesman has warned against speculation about "contacts" between Taiwan and Mainland China, following visits to the two capitals by two influential figures in the U.S. Republican Party of President-elect Ronald Reagan. The two were Chinese-born Mrs. Anna Chennault, widow of wartime American "Flying Tiger" commander in China Claire Chennault, who ended a three-day visit here Thursday, and incoming Senate deputy majority leader Theodore Stevens.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Ta-jeu also retuned a report that Foreign

Minister Chu Fu-sung had reiterated Taiwan's long-standing position against any deal with Peking, at a luncheon with them. Chennault and Stevens met Taiwanese President Chiang Ching-kuo Tuesday for an "exchange of views on the international situation in general," according to the government. Earlier they had paid a three-day visit to China. Informed sources said Chennault also met Chiang a second time to brief him on her visit to Peking.

Stevens said Wednesday that his talks with Chiang had created a better understanding between the incoming administration of Ronald Reagan and Taiwan.

Taken to Munich

Soviet envoy defects to West

BONN, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — West Germany has confirmed that a 31-year-old Soviet diplomat, who was working in Austria, defected to the West last month and was taken by government officials to Munich. The defector was identified as Victor Nicolavich Koroliuk.

A spokesman Thursday refused to confirm Austrian news reports that Koroliuk had been an interpreter for the Soviet delegation to the Vienna talks on the reduction of forces in central Europe. According to the newspaper *Frankfurter Zeitung*, Koroliuk had left Vienna before Christmas with a package of

confidential documents and went to airport police in Dusseldorf.

The defector was being guarded by West German counter-espionage police (BND) in an unknown place. BND headquarters are at Pullach, near Munich. A BND spokesman said he was not able to comment on the affair.

In Moscow, the Soviet Foreign Ministry declined comment. "The department refuses to discuss this question," a spokesman told the Associated Press. No one at the Soviet Embassy in Vienna was available for comment. Western sources in Vienna said they had no further information about the per-

sonal affairs of the diplomat but that they heard his term of duty in Vienna was about to end and he had been expected to return to Moscow soon. Austrian authorities said they were unaware of the defection and that Koroliuk had not asked for political asylum.

The interpreter was last seen at his hotel in Baden on Dec. 16. Baden, a town some 30 miles to the South Vienna, had been the headquarters of the Soviet occupation forces until 1955 and Soviet delegations still prefer to stay there when visiting Austria.

Sources in Bonn described the defector as "a man who can tell us a lot."

Mail bomb for Mrs. Thatcher found

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Mail sorters have found an incendiary device in a package sent to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's residence, and Scotland Yard warned political leaders and industrialists to be on the alert for mail bombs.

Police said Wednesday night a mail sorter spotted the package addressed to 10 Downing St., official residence of British prime

ministers, at a London sorting office. No one claimed responsibility for the parcel bomb.

Since before Christmas, security authorities have been braced for terrorist bombings by the outlawed Irish Republican Army and its splinter groups, but police experts said the device was not the type used by the IRA's "provisional" wing in previous letter bomb campaigns. "It could have caused

serious injury or death if it had exploded," said a spokesman for the Scotland Yard. He said the parcel was addressed to 10 Downing St., but not to Mrs. Thatcher personally.

Aides said some 19,400 letters and packages go to 10 Downing St. every day. They are screened by security experts and prime ministers never personally open them.

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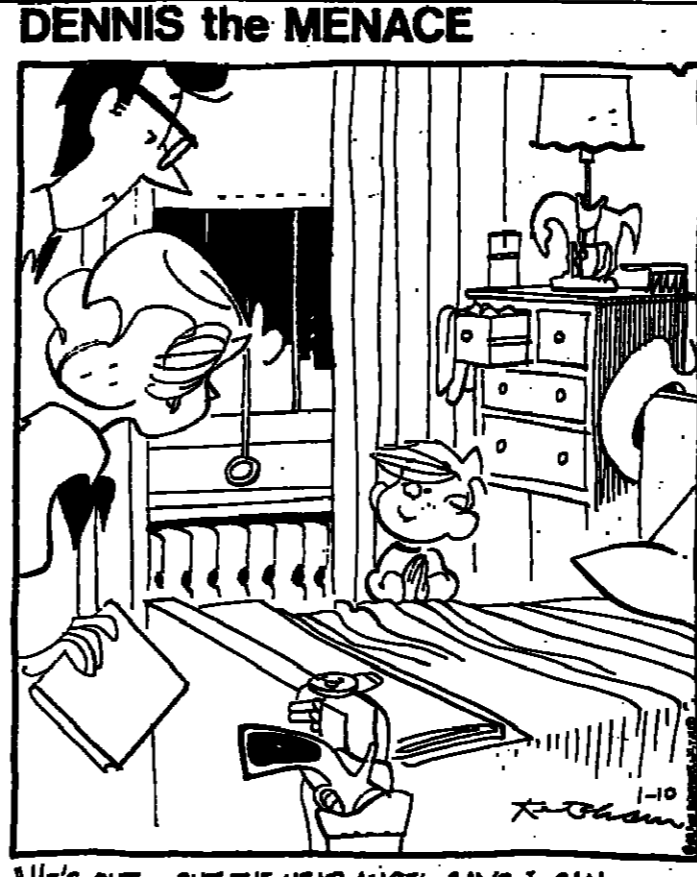
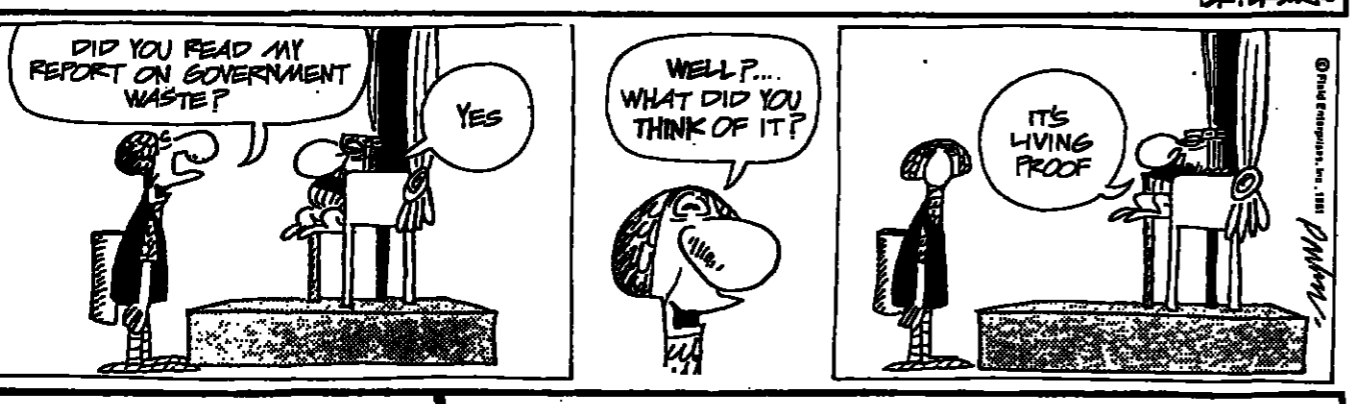
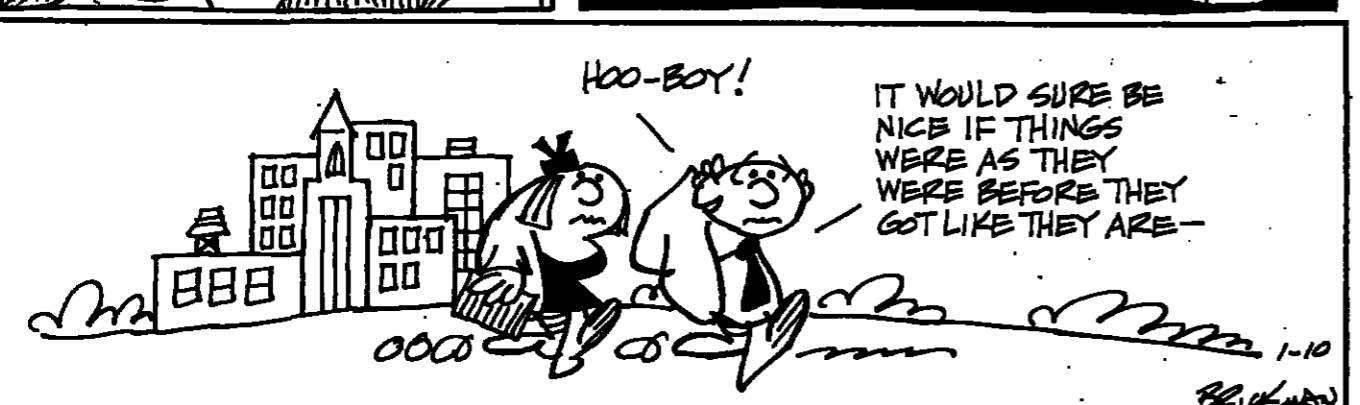
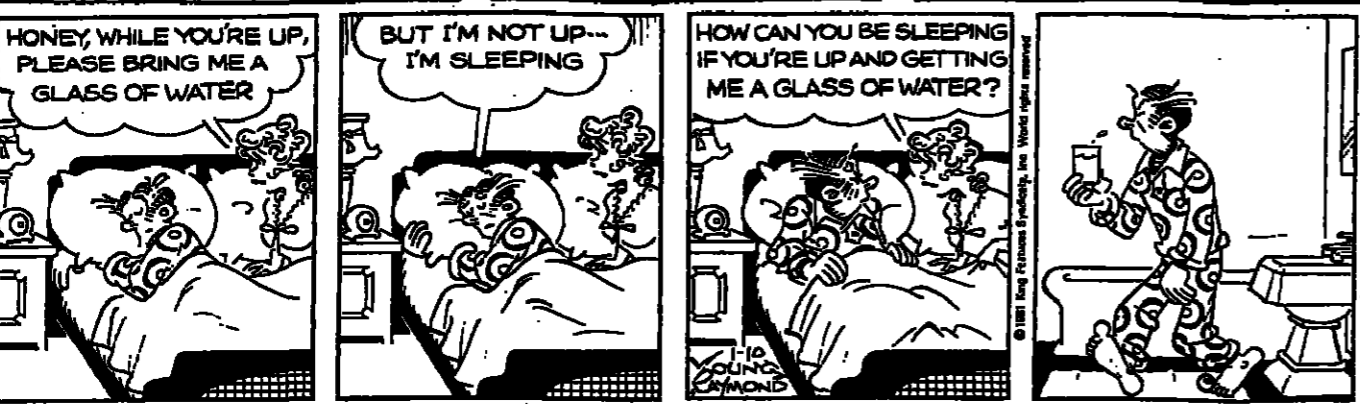
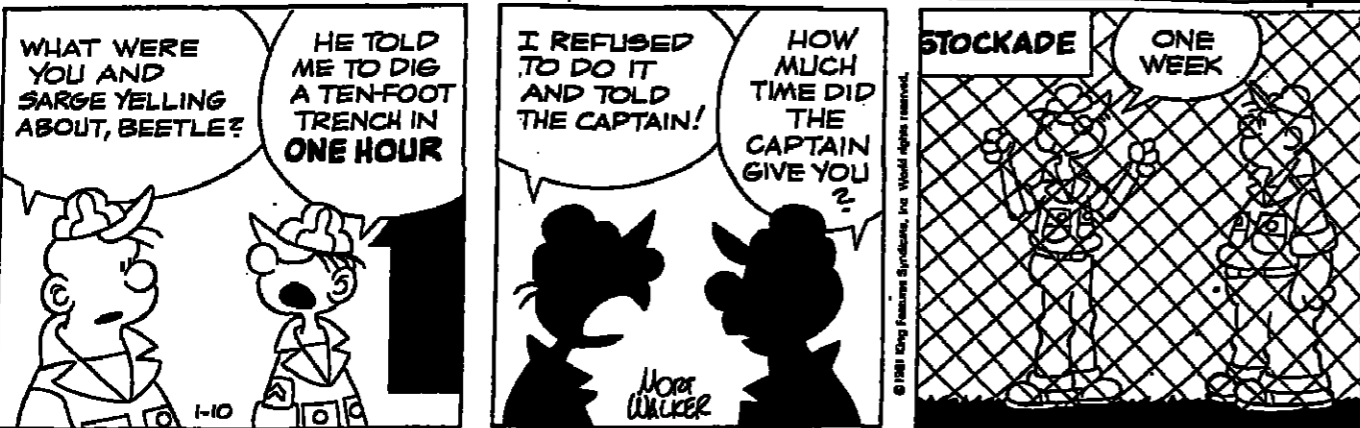


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Frances Drake
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by THOMAS JOSEPH
ACROSS: 1 M.D.'s group, 4 Premarital affair, 10 Actress Patricia, 11 Philippine city, 12 Recline, 13 Behindhand, 14 Letter, 15 Beverage, 16 'Bali -', 17 Majestic, 19 Collection, 20 - a one, 21 Marksman, 22 Took a cab, 24 Bog down, 25 With accounts settled, 26 Bullet, 28 Wrath, 29 Jacket material, 32 Work unit, 33 One (Ger.), 34 Have (Scott.), 35 Kentucky city, 37 Moslem title, 38 Bristly, 39 Man's nickname, 40 Holiday, 41 Desiccate.

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